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## 2012 Hazelnut Crop Forecast Up 4 Percent

Hazelnut production in Oregon is forecast to be 40,000 tons, according to the Hazelnut Forecast survey conducted by the Oregon Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. If realized, this would be a 3.9 percent increase from last year's hazelnut crop of 38,500 tons, and 12,000 tons more than in 2010.

NASS conducted a subjective survey for the first time in lieu of the traditional industry-funded objective yield survey. Growers were contacted in early August and asked to provide acreage and production expectations for 2012, as well as 2011 final acreage and production.

This marks the second straight year of increased production. Although historic data demonstrate that an alternate bearing pattern is typical, a precedent from 1990-1993 saw four straight years of production increases. In 2012, growers reported conservative changes from 2011 production, but indicated somewhat better yields on average.

### Oregon Hazelnut Production, 2005-2012

| Utilized production (In-shell basis) |        |        |        |        |        |        | Forecast           |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| 2005                                 | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   | 2009   | 2010   | 2011   | 2012 <sup>1/</sup> |
| Tons                                 | Tons   | Tons   | Tons   | Tons   | Tons   | Tons   | Tons               |
| 27,600                               | 43,000 | 37,000 | 32,000 | 47,000 | 28,000 | 38,500 | 40,000             |

<sup>1/</sup> As of August 21, 2012

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